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# IONIC EXCHANGE IN FRESH AND AGED HYDROSOLS OF ARSENIC SULFIDE

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As we know, ionic exchange plays an important part in the structural change of a binary electric layer of micelles and, in connection therewith, in the stability of colloid solutions. In the history of half a century of study of this problem it is possible to find very different viewpoints on rules governing ionic exchange in sols of arsenic sulfide. On many problems, especially that of the equivalence of ionic exchange, authors [1-18] often contradict each other. This impelled us to take up again the study of ionic exchange in the  $\mathrm{As}_2\mathrm{S}_3$  sols, while taking into account all the material already collected on this subject. In spite of the opinion of various authors  $\angle$ 20, 17 et al $\angle$ 7, we showed in our article  $\angle$ 19 $\angle$ 7 that arsenous acid discovered in As<sub>2</sub>8<sub>3</sub> sols can never play the part of a strong acid. Solutions of As203 in water have a high pH value (of the order of 5-6). The total acid content in them cannot be determined neither by conductometric nor by potentiometric titration north alkali solutions and hence reference to the fact that acidification of aged sols (and the acidity of their ultrafiltrates) depends on arsenous acid, contradicts the data obtained by us on the properties of arsenous acid. Because of the insignificance of the acidic properties of As203 solutions, the processes for forming arsenite precipitates, for example by the equation:  $2\text{HAsO}_2$  + +BaCl2 Ba(AsO2)2 2 2HC1, seem rather improbable to us, since it would be difficult to admit that a very weak arsenous acid could, to an appreciable degree, and at the low value pH = 3, displace a strong hydrochloric acid.

Our experiment confirmed our opinion. After the addition of 5 cm<sup>3</sup> of a O.1 N solution of BaCl<sub>2</sub>, CaCl<sub>2</sub> and MgCl<sub>2</sub> to 100 cm<sup>3</sup> of a solution of chemically pure As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (40 m-mol/1) not the slightest turbidity was discovered. Still less could arsenite precipitates be formed in acid intermicellar fluids of As<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> sols. What strong acids appear in aging As<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> sols? What complicates the ionic exchange in As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> sols? And Ais the number of sorbed cations equivalent to the number of H<sup>+</sup> ions forced out of the micells? These were the special questions for which we wished to find an answer in our work.

### Method of Preparing and Studying As 03 Sols

The As2S3 sols were prepared in the usual way: by passing H2S through double distilled water  $\angle$  with a specific electric conductivity of  $(\mathbf{x})$ 1-2.10-6 mho at 250\_7 while adding simultaneously an As203 solution saturated in boiling and cooled to various temperatures. The surplus H2S was blown off by hydrogen passed through an alkalized solution of KMnO4, through concentrated H2SO4 and through 2 Drexel flasks with distilled water. Hydrogen sulfide was obtained from ferrous sulfide by the action of sulfuric acid and washed through 3 flasks with doubly distilled water. An As203 solution was obtained from chemically pure As203 which did not leave a sediment after being heated on glass nor contain As205 [19]. Sol 8 was prepared with surplus  $As_30_3$ ; it did not have the odor of  $H_2S$ and was not blown off by dydrogen. Sols 9 and 11 (with some slight H2S residues) are prepared in large quantities in 12 liter flasks of Pyrex glass (steamed after boiling water in them a long time). They were kept in these flasks, closed with corks, in contact with the air over them in the retorts. These sols were studied, both the fresh and the aged, under

various conditions (Table 2). The ionic exchange in them was studied at the same time.

Determination of the colloid  $As_2S_3$  was carried out after coagulation of 100-200 ml of hydrochloric acid sol, as described in our article [19]. The article also described other methods used by us in studying sols: the determination of conductivity (at 25°), conductometric titration of sols and ultrafiltrates by alkali (at 25°), potentiometric determinations with glass electrodes, a method of preparing ultrafiltrates and obtaining ultrafiltrates (always reducing the volume of the sols two times) [22]. In addition, filtrates were studied after the coagulation of (20 ml) sols with hydrochloric acid (or Na Cl); they were titrated by a 0.01 N solution of iodine to determine the substances which reduce iodine in an acid medium (H<sub>2</sub>S, SO<sub>2</sub> and others).

To determine  $\mathrm{As_2O_3}$ , the acid filtrate was blown off with air (to eliminate  $\mathrm{H_2S}$ , etc) and, after adding sodium bicarbonate, we titrated it with the same solution of iodine (sometimes we used the gravimetric method of control). Besides we tested the filtrates for their  $\mathrm{As_2O_5}$  content by boiling with  $\mathrm{HNO_3}$  and  $(\mathrm{NH4})_2\mathrm{MoO4}$  and other methods  $\left[22\right]$ , and for their polythionic acid content (coagulation through the action of  $\mathrm{NaNO_3}$ ) through the action of  $\mathrm{AgNO_3}$  in the presence of  $\mathrm{HNO_3}$  when heated (after previously blowing off the  $\mathrm{H_2S}$ , if any were discovered)  $\left[18\right]$ . Finally, after the coagulation of  $\mathrm{100}$  ml of sol with hydrochloric acid, the  $\mathrm{SO_4}$  in filtrates was determined by action of  $\mathrm{BaCl_2}$  solution.

#### Characteristics of Fresh and Aged Sols

Since we had already studied the first stage of changes in sols [19], the most interesting question now was what became of the sols in profound changes. It was especially interesting to ascertain what free strong acids were accumulated in sols in aging, together with weak arsenous acid, which appeared as a result of hydrolyzing As<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>, thicarsenous and thicayarsenous

acids, which stabilized the micelles and were unable to accumulate in a free state in acid solutions because of their instability [19].

The exidation products of  ${\rm H_2S}$  or  ${\rm As_2O_3}$  could be such free strong acids. Hence we directed our attention to the above-mentioned scids: H2Sx06H2S04, H3AsO4 and others (see method of study).

To speed up the aging process of As2S3 sols, we made use of the action of sunlight on the As2S3 sols in contact with the air [19]. Table 1 gives the results of the changes in sols  ${\bf A_1}$  and  ${\bf A_2}$  (sol  ${\bf A_2}$  was obtained from  $A_1$  by adding to it a small quantity of  $As_2o_3$  until an excess of the latter occurred). These changes took place for 110 days in retorts, closed with corks, with air in sunlight. During this time the sols disintegrated completely and over the precipitated sediment (As2S3 and sulfur) there was formed a completely colorless and transparent solution to which the data from the analysisiof aged sols refer.

Table 1

Sols	A <sub>1</sub> A <sub>2</sub>		<b>A</b> 1	<sup>A</sup> 2		
	1-2	days	110	day s		
ge	In the dark	c with air	In sunlight with air			
storage Conditions of sol x 10 <sup>5</sup> mhos	6.28	6.36	կկո	334		
of ultrafiltrate x 10 <sup>5</sup> mho	1.03	1.44		-0 404		
Acidity of sol, m-equil./1	0.54	0.52	22.75*	1-8 - 50*		
Acidity of ultrafiltrate, m-equil/l	0.014	0.01				
H <sub>2</sub> S in filtrates, m-equi./l	Traces	None	None	None		
~	None	none	22.8	18.56		
SO <sub>4</sub> "	None	None	None	None		
As <sub>2</sub> 03 <sub>4</sub> " " Polythionic acids, m-squi./1	None	None	None'	None		

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As <sub>2</sub> 0 <sub>3</sub> m-mol/1	None	1.05	19.0**	15.**	
pH of sol  pH of ultrafiltrate  Colloidal As <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> , gr/l	3.60 4.34 7.0	3.60 4.36 7.0	 None	 None	

\*Titration with a NaON solution in the presence of methyl red gave 22.75 and 18.33 m-equi./1.

\*\*The gravimetric method gave 18.8 and 15.7 m-mol/1.

\*\*\*As we found in a special experiment, when a pure As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> solution stands in sunlight in contact with the air, there is a slow accumulation of H<sub>3</sub>AsO<sub>4</sub>. In the dark As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> does not acidify \( \int 22\_7\).
\*\*\*\*By the gravimetric method 0.87 m-mol/l were obtained.

As may be seen from Table 1, the fresh A<sub>1</sub> (with excess H<sub>2</sub>S) and A<sub>2</sub> sols (with excess As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) are almost identical and have very little ultrafiltrate acidity (and conductivity). After the disintegration of the sols the completely clarified fluids became very acid and their acidity coincided with the SO<sub>4</sub><sup>---</sup>(\*) content. Obviously, other strong acids were not formed under such conditions in As<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> sols. Neither H<sub>3</sub>AsO<sub>4</sub>\*\*\* nor polythicnic acids appeared in them. Together with exidation products H<sub>2</sub>S(H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and S) in the sols there was an accumulation of arsenous soid, but it can be titrated neither by conductometric nor by ordinary titration with alkali (with methyl red).

Table 2
Aging of As<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> Sols in Contact with Air

Aging	O1 X5253 50	,			and the second second	·	
No of Sol	8	9	9	<u>u</u>	11	11	11
Storage Conditions of sols and age	Ir	190 days in dark with air					
	2 days	2 days	166 days	l day	7 days	210 days	and 20 days in sunlight
of sols x 10 <sup>5</sup> mhos	9.53	9.8	27.4	10.38	18.20	19.3	152.4
of ultrafiltratesxx x <sup>5</sup> 10 <sup>5</sup> mhos	7.15	4.67	16.42	3.22	5.22	6.15	121.0

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Acidity of sols, m-equi/l	1.10	1.45	1.70	1.09		1.22	6.30
Acidity of ultrafiltrates m-equi/l	Traces None	0.06 Traces	0.50 None	0.07	0.13	0.27	None
H <sub>2</sub> S in filtrates m-equi/l SO <sub>A</sub> in filtrates, m-equi/l	None	None	0.58	Traces		0.46	
As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> in filtrates, m-mol/l	20.0	None	0084**	** None	None	0,41	
pH of sols pH of ultrafiltrates				3.85		; pp	-
Colloid As <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> , gr/l	23.4	28.7		13.7	1		: :

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(\*In an article by Krestinckaya [20], there are indications that she also found  $\rm H_2SO_4$  in aged  $\rm As_2S_3$  sols.

Table 2 gives the characteristics of sols (both fresh and aged) with which experiments on ionic exchange were conducted: 8, 9, and 11. For example, Figure 1 shows the curves of conductometric titrations of sol and ultrafiltrate 9 with a solution of NaON in the fresh and aged states at which their acidity was found to be that given in Table 2 and 3. The acidity of the other sols and ultrafiltrates was determined in the same manner.

It may be seen from Table 2 that sols 9 and 11, aged in the dark in contact with the air, were slightly acidified. The ultrafiltrates were noticeably acidified, and the accumulation of sulfuric acid in them was in close correspondence with this acidification. This was especially noticeable in the batch of sol 11, aged 210 days, 20 of these days being in the light. Everywhere, in accordance with the degree of "aging", arsenous acid accumulated, but nowhere arsenic, polythionic acids and acids which reduces iodina in acid medium were detected.

#### Methods and Results of Investigation of Ionic Exchange

To clarify the problem of the process of ionic exchange in As<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> sols and its complications, we determined the "acidification" which took place on adding BaCl<sub>2</sub> and MgCl<sub>2</sub> to the sols. For this purpose we determined the acidity of the filtrates obtained after the coagulation of 200 ml of sols with chlorides 20 to 24 hours after mixing. The determination was carried out by titrating 10-20 ml of the filtrate by a 0.01 N solution of NaON from a microburette in the presence of methylred. The results of these titrations coincided with the results of potentiometric titrations with glass electrodes [22]. The conductometric method was not convenient in this instance because of the presence of salts in the filtrates. The results were recounted for a liter of sols.

From the acidity of the filtrates we subtracted the acidity of the ultrafiltrates obtained from separate parts of the sols by reducing the volume of sols two times. The ultrafiltrates were always prepared as described in previous articles [19, 21, 22]. The differences are shown in the last line of Table 3 under the heading "acidification".

From 100 ml of filtrates, after coagulation of the sols, we determined the residual concentration of  $Ba^{++}$  (by the weight of  $Ba80_4$ ) and of  $Mg^{++}$  (by the weight of  $Mg_2P_2O_7$ ). The number of absorbed cations was obtained from the difference between the original and final concentrations (calculated for a liter of sols).

In all these calculations the volume of the arsenic sulfide in the sols was not taken into consideration, as allowance for this volume changed the results only slightly (from 0.01 to 0.05 m-equi./1), depending on the concentration of electrolytes and the arsenic sulfide. This lay within our limits of analytical errors (approximately ±0.1 m-equi./1).

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To allow for whatever number of cations were involved in the intermicellary fluid in the formation of insoluble salts, we took 100 ml of sols and added 10 ml of saturated solution of NaCl and filtered the coagulate. The same amount of BaCl<sub>2</sub> (MgCl<sub>2</sub>) was added to 100 ml of the filtrate. After 24 hours, if a sediment formed, the sediment was filtered and the Ba ++ (Mg++) content in the filtrate was determined, and this content was recounted for 1 liter of sols allowing for all corrections for dilution by electrolytes. According to the difference in the amounts of Ba++ (Mg++) introduced and final quantities, the quantity of combined in intermicellary fluid (in the filtrate) cation in m-equi./1 of sol was calculated.

Subtracting from the total amount of the absorbed cation in the sol the amount combined in the intermicellary fluid by chemical reactions, we obtained the quantity of cations sorbed in the micelles (Table 3).

To clarify the problem of the adsorption of the chlorine cations some experiments were conducted in which the concentrations of chlorine ions in the filtrates were determined after the coagulation of the sols with barium and sodium chlorides and hydrochloric acid. The results of these experiments are shown in Table 4. The concentration of Cl<sup>-</sup> was determined after blowing off the filtrates with air (if H<sub>2</sub>S) was present. Next we added to them HNO<sub>3</sub> and NH<sub>4</sub>Fe(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and a small surplus of a O.1 N solution of AgNO<sub>3</sub> and proceeded to titrate the surplus of AgNO<sub>3</sub> with a 9.05 N solution of NH<sub>2</sub>CNS from a microburette\*.

\*The sols contained nothing but H<sub>3</sub>S in order to combine the Ag ion in the presence of HNO<sub>3</sub> of which we had been convinced by previous experiments; H<sub>2</sub>S was completely eliminated by the blowing off.

Table 3

Ion Exchange in As2S3 Sols During Aging

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Added To	Sol 8 age		9, age	1	Sol 9,	اعتبدا			e 7d	''	In the	darK	in the	light)
200 ml of 2015	2 days 10 ml 01N Bcl	10 ml	IO ME OIN HAFIZ	10 ml 02 N BaCl <sub>2</sub>	30ml H <sub>2</sub> 0 and 10ml ain B <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	30 ml H20	Iml H <sub>2</sub> O and 3ml a2NBaCl <sub>2</sub>	7ml Hall and 3 ml oan Hacla	9ml H <sub>2</sub> D 9 and Imla 0211 Bacla	Ind H20 and Ime	Home H <sub>2</sub> O and some and BaCl <sub>2</sub>	40=l H <sub>2</sub> D and 10ml DIN MgCl <sub>2</sub>	fort H <sub>2</sub> O and Iomé o.2N Gall <sub>2</sub>	40ml H <sub>2</sub> i 3ml 10ml 0.2N M <sub>2</sub> CI
Original concentration of Ba++ (Mg++) m-equipe of sol ·····	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	3,0	3.0	1.0*	1.6*	5.0	5.0	ID-0	10.0
Weight of BaSO4 (Mg2P2O3) from 100 ml of the filtrate in grams***	0.0409	0.0409	0.0200	0.0898	0.0324	0.0180	0.0192	8.0094	0.0015	0.0DI S	0.0348	0.0190	o. 0359	0.0416
Equilibrium Concentration of Ba++(Mq++) m-equil of Sols	3.68	3.68	3.77	8. <b>9</b> 6	3.34	3.88	1.73	1.77	0.14	0.24	3.74	4.26	3.79	<b>9.3</b> 3
Absorbed Ba++(Mg++) in Sols	1.32	1.31	1.23	1.54	1.66	1.12	1.27	1.23	0.86	0.76	1.26	0.74	6.21	0.67
Ba++(Mq++) combined in intermicellary Fluid of sols m-equil of sols	0	0	0	0	0.67	0	0.04	0	0.04	0	0.46	. 0	5.51	o
Batt (Mgtt) sorbed by micelles	1.32	1.32	1.23	1.54	0.99	1.12	1.23	1.23	0.82	0.76	0.80	0.74	0.70	0.67
Acidity of Filtrates, m-equiple of sols	1.16	1.43	1.39	1.49	1.63	1.63	1.32	1.28	0.84	0.86	1.13	1.13	6.04	6.04
Acidity of Ultrafiltrates m-equiple of Sols	0	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.27	0.27	6.31	5.31
"Acidification" of sols.	1.16	1.37	1 7.33	1 7.43	51 1.13	1 7.73	1 1.17	1 /	, 3,77	1 0.73	B++(Hg	11)was del		

\*\* Control was exercised from 50ml of the filtrate or, at times, by a second analysis of 100ml of a filtrate from a new mixture.

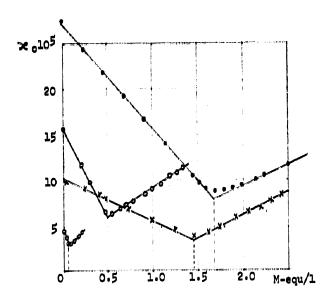


Figure 1. Conductometric titration curves of sol 9 with alkali;
---e---aged sol; ---o---aged ultrafiltrate; ---x--- fresh sol; oco
fresh ultrafiltrate

Table 4
Absorption of Chlorine Anions by As<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> Sols

Sol 11 (7 days)

	DOT TT (\ (mgha)									
Added to 200 cm <sup>3</sup> of sols	7 cm <sup>3</sup> of H <sub>2</sub> O and 3 cm <sup>3</sup> of O.2 N Ba	20 cm <sup>3</sup> of HCl 0.1 N	20 cm <sup>3</sup> of NaCl O.1 N							
Original concentration of Cl, m-equi/1	3.00	10.00	10.00							
Equilabrium concentration of Cl	3.08	10.00	10.14							
Absorbed Cl	+0.08	+0.10	+0.14							
Original concentration of free acids in m-equi./l of sols		10.13	7							
Equilibrium acidity of sols		10.14								
Absorbed H <sup>+</sup> of ions		+0.01								

### Discussion of the Results

It is evident from all these data that, by introducing up to 10 m-equi./l of barium or magnesium chlorides into fresh sols, the quantity of sorbed cations coincides within the range of accuracy of the determination (approximately \* 0.1 m-equi./l) with the acidification of sols, one with the other, and, as the acidity of the ultrafiltrates from fresh sols is very slight, also with the acidity of the filtrates (and sols; see Table 2). This is identical with the observations of Rabinovich [4] and with the earlier observations of Whitney and Ober [2].

Obviously such a result is the consequence of: 1) the absence of the combining of cations in the intermicellary fluid of fresh sols and 2) the absence of "molecular" adsorption of chlorines on the sol micelles.

In these cases a clearly expressed ionic exchange takes place, uncomplicated by any other processes. With equal concentrations of salts exceeding the concentration of coagulation, a practically total displacement of the H<sup>+</sup> ions from the micelles is observed. If molecular adsorption of the chlorines takes place, an equivalent exchange is not observed; besides, adsorption of the Cl<sup>-</sup> ions should be observed, which cannot be established by direct analyses of the filtrates. This coincides with the observations of Kargin [17], Whitney and Ober [2].

In aged sols the acidity of the ultrafiltrates is more marked than in fresh sols, and the acidification observed on adding barium and magnesium chlorides is less. The total quantity of absorbed  $Ba^{++}$  is close to the acidity of the filtrates (and sols), but the quantity of absorbed  $Mg^{++}$  is always less than the acidity of the filtrates (and sols) and less than the absorbed  $Ba^{++}$ .

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This difference in slightly aged sols (in the dark) is not very great (of the same order as in the experiment of Kargin (17), but in the greatly aged 11 (in the light) this difference is very great. It is evident from Table 3 that Mg<sup>++</sup> is never combined in the intermicellary fluid off aged sols, while Ba<sup>++</sup> is always noticeably combined. If this quantity of combined Ba<sup>++</sup> ions be taken into account and subtracted from the total quantity of ions absorbed by the sol, the difference in all cases will be in good agreement both with the "acidification" and with the quantity of sorbed magnesium ions. In our observations, carried out on old sols, the rules observed by Kargin (17) and partly also by Weiser (13) appeared very clear.

It is not difficult to understand that such results depend on the presence of  $H_2SO_4$  in an intermicellary fluid of aged sols. The quantity of barium combined in the intermicellary fluid is in good agreement with the quantity of  $SO_4^{--}$  in sols. In sol 9, 0.67 m-equi./1  $Ba^{++}$  is combined, and  $SO_4^{--}$  content in a sol is 0.58 m-equi./1; in sol 11 (standing in the dark) 0.46 m-equi./1 of  $Ba^{++}$  combined and the  $SO_4^{--}$  content is the same; in greatly aged sol 11  $Ba^{++}$  5.51 m-equi./1 is combined, and the  $SO_4^{--}$  content in the sol is 5.65 m-equi./1. These results mean that the  $Ba^{++}$  is combined in the intermicellary fluid only in the form  $BasO_4$ . In the ultrafiltrates of aged sols 11 and 9, on adding  $Bacl_2$ , a sediment is formed which is not soluble in  $Baso_4$  and  $Baso_4$  are also not absorbed completely on  $As_2S_3$  particles.

To sum up, it must be emphasised that, on adding  $BaCl_2$  to aged sols, there takes place: first, an exchange of H+ and  $Ba^{++}$  ions and, secondly, an interaction of  $BaCl_2$  with  $H_2SO_4$  in the intermicellary fluid.

Since the acidity of the sol is determined only by the sum of the micellary H<sup>+</sup> ions and by the free sulfuric acid (but not by arsenous acid), the quantity of account of the sols and the filtrates from them (obtained after coagulation with barium chloride). Since Mg<sup>++</sup> ions with SO<sup>--</sup> ions yield a soluble salt and, also like Ba<sup>++</sup> ions, do not form an arsenite precipitate, then on adding MgCl<sub>2</sub> to the sols a combination of Mg<sup>++</sup> ions occurs only on account of the exchange of Mg<sup>++</sup> with micellary H<sup>+</sup> ions. For this reason the amount of sorbed Mg<sup>++</sup> in aged sols proves to be considerably less than the acidity of the sols and their filtrates and less than the quantity of absorbed Ba<sup>++</sup>. But if the quantity of sorbed Mg<sup>++</sup> be compared with the "acidification" and not with the acidity of the filtrates, as, in principle, many authors have wrongly done, the equivalence of the exchange of Mg<sup>++</sup>ions with micellary H<sup>+</sup> ions will be discovered.

Our method of quantitative calculation of the combination of ions in the intermicellary fluid permits the deduction that Ba++ ions displace micellary H+ ions equivalently both in aged and fresh sols\*.

On adding to aged As<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> sols Sr and Ca chlorides, such intermediate relations should be observed as those observed in adding, on the one hand, BaCl<sub>2</sub> and, on the other, MgCl<sub>2</sub>, in connection with the fact that the solubility of sulfates is increased in the series: BaSO<sub>4</sub>, SrSO<sub>4</sub>, CaSO<sub>4</sub> and MgSO<sub>4</sub>. These considerations, evidently, are in complete agreement with the results of the works done by various authors on aged sols.

#### Conclusions

- It has been demonstrated that in aging As<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> sols in contact with the air sulfuric and arsenous acids are accumulated and that sulfuric acid conditions the acidification of the sols.
- 2. A simple method is offered for a quantitative calculation of the formation of insoluble salts on account of the reaction which proceed the intermicellary fluid of the sols, when electrolytes are added.
- 3. By using this method, it has been shown that the ionic exchange in aged As<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> sols proceeds also equivalently in manner similar to that in fresh sols, although in aged sols it is complicated in some instances by intermicellary reactions.

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\*A conclusion, like that reached by us in studying the ion exchange in sulfur sols [18].

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